Retail Outlets of Petroleum Products in Andhra Pradesh

4213. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of retail outlets of petroleum products in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the number of retail outlets proposed to be opened in Andhra Pradesh in 2000-2001, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY) : (a) As on 1-10-1999 there were 1319 MS/HSD retail outlet dealerships in operation in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) In addition to the locations pending from previous Marketing Plans 88 MS/HSD retail dealerships have been included in the Retail Outlet Marketing Plan 1996-98 for Andhra Pradesh. Location included in the Marketing Plan are advertised by the Oil Companies from time to time. Selection is made by the Dealer Selection Boards on merit through interview. It generally takes about 6-12 months for commissioning of the dealerships from the date of interview.

Shortage of LPG in Uttar Pradesh

4214. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of LPG supplied in the various districts of Uttar Pradesh as compared to demand thereof during the last three years;

(b) whether there is an acute shortage of LPG in Uttar Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY) : (a) The sale of LPG by the PSU Oil Companies in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years is as under:—

Year	LPG Sale (Fig. in TMT)
1996-97	506.26
1997-98	575.61
1998-99	648.74